

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on Feb. 28, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by applicant in the amendment filed on Feb. 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amended claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. A hanging ring used in a curtain, said hanging ring being formed by punching from a planar metal sheet; the hanging ring comprising: a ring body containing a ring piece having a round hole and an enhancing outer edge, an extending piece one end of which extends from a ~~periphery~~ said enhancing outer edge of the ring piece and an extending bar extending from another end of the extending piece; wherein

one end of the extending bar is pressed deformable as a rivet end for being fixed in a clip; a lateral extending frame is extended laterally from an said enhancing edge ~~at an outer side of~~ and laterally from the extending piece; the lateral extending frame has a ~~non-plane~~ locking ring; a locking hole is formed in the ~~non-plane~~ locking ring; the ~~non-plane~~ locking ring is twisted through an angle

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so that said locking ring is non-planar with ~~it is at different orientation from the~~
~~other~~ remaining part of the lateral extending frame; and

an inner wall of the locking hole is a threaded wall, for locking a screw rod
of a decoration.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner :
labeled figure 1 as “(Prior Art)”. In order to avoid abandonment of the application,
applicant must make these above drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Chuck Mah whose telephone number is (571) 272-7059.
The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone
number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-
872-9306.

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